

In the Specification:

Please replace the paragraph at page 3, lines 1 to 24 with a Replacement paragraph amended as follows:

Determining the manual torque using the at least one axle model makes it possible to determine the steering torque in accordance with a model which does not necessarily correspond to the structural conditions of the vehicle. It is therefore made possible for the steering torque which is fed back to the driver to be decoupled from the steering torques which are actually active, while at the same time nevertheless feedback which corresponds to customary behavior of a steering system is provided. As a result, the driver is prompted to perform a steering action on the steering wheel which generates steering angles which correspond to a better driving behavior of the vehicle. It continues to be possible to maintain a fixed relationship between the steering wheel angle and the steering angle of the steered wheels, for example by means of a continuous mechanical connection between the steered wheels and the steering wheel. ~~Nevertheless, the invention can also be used within the scope of what is referred to as a steer-by-wire steering system without a continuous mechanical connection.~~ For this reason, the invention generates a steering sensation which is optimized in comparison with other steering systems, and improves driving safety.